her nuclear programme. China has conducted two underground nuclear tests so far in 1992. China's stand that the countries with the largest nuclear arsenals should take the lead in halting the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and in drastically reducing such weapons prior to the convening of a widely representative international conference on nuclear disarmament with the participation of all nuclear-weapon States, has not changed.

(c) and (d) Government pursues a long-standing policy of utilising nuclear power for peaceful purposes only. India has consistently advocated a comprehensive ban on the testing of nuclear weapons. Government's consistent position has been to call for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons in a framework which is global and non-discriminatory.

Foreign Nationals joining J&K Militants

1666. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item under caption "Foreigners join J. K. Militants" which appeared in the Hindustan Times New Delhi dated 3-11-92;

(b) whether Government have taken up the issue with some foreign countries like Saudi Arabia, Libya, Algeria, Bahrain and Afghanistan about their nationals joining Jammu and Kashmir militants against India; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Government have come across media reports to the effect that foreign nationals have entered J&K and are assisting the militants. However, there is no corroborative evidence so far. Government is and will remain alert in this regard to take remedial action to the extent possible.

(c) Does not arise.

Repatriation of Indian Origin people under Srimao-Shastri Agreement

1667. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up the issue of implementing Indo-Srilankan Agreement of 1987 and the repatriation of Indian origin people living in Sri Lanka under the Srimao-Shastri Agreement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Following the signing of the Srimavo-Shastri Agreement in 1964, another agreement in 1974 and the understanding reached between India and Sri Lanka in 1986, a total of 4,61,768 persons of Indian origin living in Sri Lanka have been repatriated upto 30th September 1992. The Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement for Restoration of Peace and Normalcy in Sri Lanka signed in July 1987 also has a provision on the subject. Of late, the matter has not been discussed between the two Governments.

धनी देशों और विकासशील देशों के बीच बढ़ती खाई पर संकल्प

1668. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सितम्बर 1992 में जकार्ता में हुए गुट निरपेक्ष सम्मेलन मे धनी औद्योगिक देशों और विकासशील देशों के बीच बढ़ती खाई के सबंध में कोई आर्थिक प्रस्ताव पारित किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त संकल्प के निहितार्थ क्या हैं और क्या सरकार इस संकल्प की प्रति सभा पटल पर रखेगी; और

(ग) क्या भारत ने उपर्युक्त खाई को पाटने के लिए कोई सुझाव भी दिया था; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फलेरियो) : (क) से (ग)